

# ALMOST WEDDING DAY

24 THINGS TO DO THE WEEK  
BEFORE YOUR BEST DAY EVER



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## A NOTE FROM THE SPRINGS

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Hey, Bride or Groom. “Stressed out” is the last thing we want you to be the week before your wedding.

To help combat that potential stress, we’ve put together a list of 24 things to remember to do the week before the big day!

Give the next few pages a quick read, finish up these final items, and get ready to enjoy the biggest + best celebration of your life!

xoxo, **THE SPRINGS**

## 01. BREAK IN YOUR SHOES

Also, if you are nervous about slipping in your new shoes on your wedding day, scuff up the soles with a piece of sandpaper or add a few lines of hot glue along the bottoms. Voila: no-slip soles!

*PRO-TIP:* Grab your fiance + practice dancing in your wedding shoes, even if it's just once. It will make you feel 100x more confident during your first dance.

## 02. CHECK IN WITH YOUR COORDINATOR + VENDORS

Keep them updated on any changes, see if there is anything else they need from you + confirm your finalized timeline, including their arrival times.

## 03. GATHER TIPS FOR VENDORS

If there are certain vendors you plan on tipping, withdraw cash ahead of time + organize it into separate envelopes, each clearly marked as to which vendor it should go to.

Determine who will be in charge of getting these envelopes to the correct vendor at the close of your reception





## 04. CONFIRM WHO WILL BE GIVING SPEECHES + TOASTS

Check in with everyone who will be giving a speech or toast at either the rehearsal dinner or the wedding reception + make sure they know they are on the timeline to do so.

## 05. FINALIZE VOWS + READ THEM OUT LOUD

Once you've finalized your vows, go ahead + practice reading them out loud, as you don't want to stumble over your words when you're standing up at the ceremony site.

Practicing out loud will leave you feeling confident + sure of your words on the day of the wedding.

## 06. WRITE YOUR GROOM OR BRIDE A LOVE LETTER

Write a letter to give to your fiancée while they are getting ready on the big day. (P.S. if you are wanting them to have one written for you as well, you might need to give them a heads up!)

If you plan on doing a First Look, exchanging letters just before is the perfect time to do so. If you won't be seeing each other until the ceremony, have your bridesmaids or groomsmen deliver the letter to their suite earlier in the day.

**THE GOAL IS TO LAUGH FOREVER WITH SOMEONE YOU TAKE SERIOUS**





## 07. PREPARE + DROP OFF WELCOME BAGS

If you will be providing welcome bags to greet your out-of-town guests upon check-in, prepare these bags + have them dropped off at the hotel.

*PRO-TIP:* Include something local in the welcome bag. Local salsa. Local beer. Samples from your favorite bakery in town, etc.!



## 08. PUT TOGETHER A WEDDING DAY EMERGENCY KIT

Your “wedding day emergency kit” should consist of any + all essentials you may need day-of (Band-aids, medicine, super glue, bobby pins, safety pins, etc.).



## 09. DESIGNATE SOMEONE TO TRANSPORT THE WEDDING GIFTS

Designate someone who will be in charge of grabbing the card box + wedding gifts after the night concludes, loading them up in their car, and delivering the lot to your home.

*PRO-TIP:* Choose someone you trust, and often, someone with a big car, to get your gifts home safe + sound.



## 10. MAKE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR MARRIAGE LICENSE

Ensure you have paid a visit to the county clerk's office nearest you to pick up your marriage license.

## 11. MAKE A NAIL APPOINTMENT

Set some time aside (typically the day before the wedding, once everyone has gotten into town) for you + your girls to go and get your nails and toes done.

Confirm ahead of time how many people will be joining you + make an appointment so you don't get stuck waiting for hours or worse, turned away.

## 12. ENCOURAGE YOUR GROOM TO GET A HAIRCUT

We say "encourage" because we know that sometimes there's just no convincing that sweet man of yours to do anything, BUT we do think wedding week calls for a nice, fresh trim.

Consider setting up an appointment for your groom + his guys to all get a cut and shave or beard trim together the week before your wedding day.

This makes for some fun, male-bonding time in the days leading up to the wedding celebration!



## 13. PACK FOR THE HONEYMOON

If you will be leaving for your honeymoon immediately following the wedding (or maybe the next day), go ahead + pack your bags for the trip.

Once your honeymoon bags have been packed, designate someone who will be in charge of making sure they end up in the getaway car on the night of the wedding.

## 14. PACK A SEPARATE BAG FOR THE WEDDING NIGHT

In addition to packing for the honeymoon, we also recommend packing a separate bag for the wedding night.

Keeping things separate (honeymoon luggage + wedding night bag) ensures that when you get to the honeymoon suite, you won't have to fully unpack.

## 15. ORGANIZE + PACK WEDDING DECOR

It's nice to have all of your wedding decor organized, labeled, packed up, and ready to go prior to the morning of your wedding.

Just as with the wedding gifts, designate someone (or a few someones) to be in charge of transporting the decor back to your home following your Grand Exit.



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HEART FOR MY  
WHOLE LIFE**





## 16. SEND YOUR WEDDING PARTY THE TIMELINE

Finalize your wedding day timeline + send a copy to the wedding party.

Sending out the timeline will ensure everyone knows exactly when + where things will be happening. It should also help deflect any questions – “check the timeline!”

Share via email or take screenshots on your phone + send out in your bridesmaid group text.



## 17. PUT SOMEONE IN CHARGE OF WEDDING DAY LUNCH PLANS

It is so, so important to make sure you are eating throughout the day prior to your ceremony.

Put someone in charge of picking something up or setting up a lunch delivery.

## 18. DRINK LOTS OF WATER

Staying hydrated will help keep your skin clear + glowing, which is exactly how you want it to look on the big day.

It will also keep you feeling energized. Win, win!





## 19. CREATE + SEND SHOT LIST TO YOUR PHOTOGRAPHER

Keep in mind: you hired a professional photographer - it's very important to trust them to be the pro. This piece of advice is not to give them a list of every. single. image. Rather, to make it clear if there are any "must-have" photos you simply can't live without.

A short, simple document will do the trick.

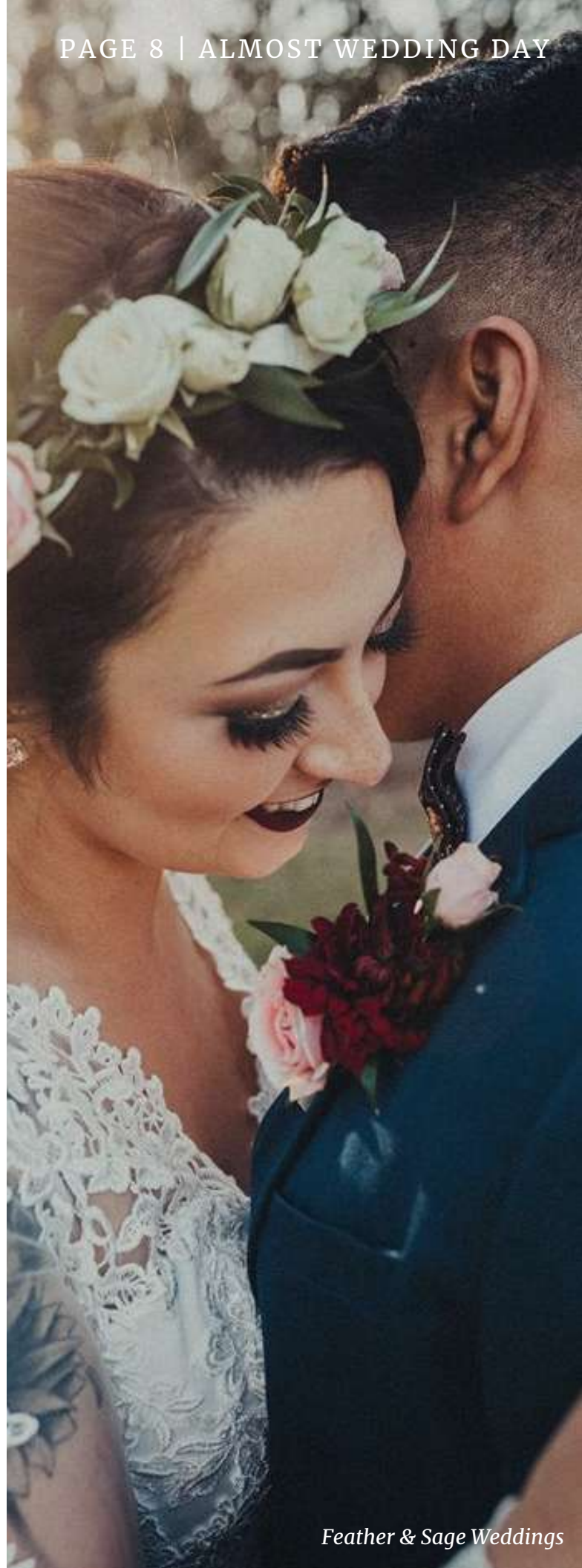
## 20. GATHER ALL DESIRED ITEMS FOR PHOTOGRAPHER TO STYLE + SHOOT

Find a safe place (like a clear, plastic bin with a lid or a shoe box) to keep your shoes, jewelry, rings, ring boxes, invitation suites, and any other small details that your photographer will want to style + shoot.

## 21. GO ON ONE LAST DATE AS AN ENGAGED COUPLE

This can be a hard one because we get it - the week before your wedding day can make you feel a little crazy. Even so, we do think that it's important.

Take the time to connect + get excited together about your upcoming Best Day Ever because trust us... it will FLY by!



## 22. PREPARE + WRAP ANY GIFTS FOR PARENTS + WEDDING PARTY

If you opted to do parent or wedding party gifts, make sure these are prepared + wrapped ahead of time.

We suggest writing a small thank you note to include alongside each gift, as both your parents + wedding party have likely been a strong force in getting you to this point... just a few days out from your wedding!

## 23. GET AS MUCH REST AS POSSIBLE

Rest? The week before your wedding day? Are we crazy? Maybe. :)

But try to – at least as much as you can. Your wedding weekend is going to be a whirlwind. Squeeze in some extra sleep the week before if you're able.

## 24. BREATHE + ENJOY

Everyone says it, but it's because it's true – your wedding day will come + go far more quickly than you can imagine. So our best advice? Be present + enjoy it!

Hiccups will probably happen + that's okay. We like to say that every wedding that ends with you marrying your best friend is a successful wedding. :)







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*Emily Nicole Photo*

One week out – you’re almost there! Breathe. Enjoy. Go marry the love of your life. :)

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Happy Wedding!

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